

## Joy of Vocab #9

**Antepenultimate**- coming immediately before the next to the last

**Coup de grace**- decisive finishing blow

**Debut**- first public appearance

**Demise**- cessation of existence; death

**Finale**- last scene or act; conclusion; end

**Genesis**- origin; coming into being

**Inchoate**- just begun; only partly in existence; incomplete

**Infinite**- endless; without boundaries or limits; exceedingly great

**Initiative**- ability to begin and follow through without being urged; enterprise

**Lapse**- come to an end; become void

**Maiden**- first; earliest

**Penultimate**- next to the last

**Preamble**- preliminary statement or event; introduction

**Premiere**- first performance

**Rudiment**- first principle that must be learned; fundamental

**Swan song**- farewell appearance; final creative work or performance

**Terminal**- coming at the end; ending in death

**Tyro**- beginner in learning something; novice; neophyte

**Ultimate**- last in a progression; final; highest possible

**Ultimatum**- final, uncompromising, demand or offer, leading to serious consequences if rejected